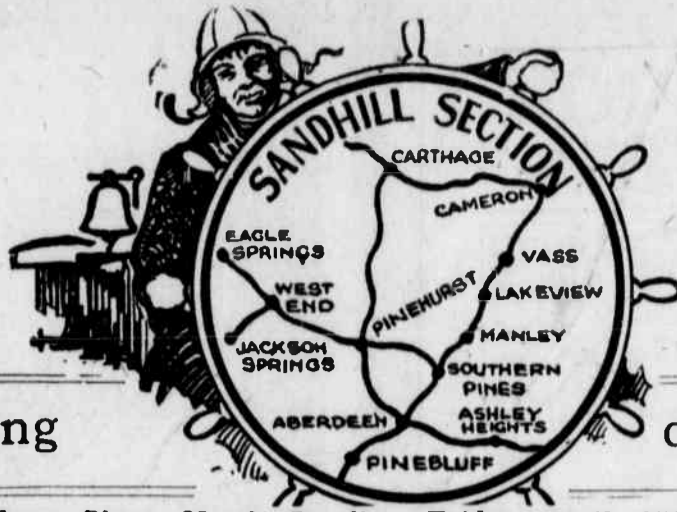


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Pinehurst

FIVE CENTS

CURRIE ARRESTED AFTER BRUTAL ASSAULT ON GIRL

Pinehurst Youth and Indian in
State Prison, Mrs. Blyth in
Hospital

DANCE HALL EPISODE

Following one of the most sensational assaults in Moore county's criminal history, Davis Currie of Pinehurst is in State Prison in Raleigh awaiting arraignment here on a most serious charge. With him behind the bars is Jack Clench, a Mohawk Indian from Buffalo, N. Y., accused of aiding and abetting in Currie's alleged crime.

Mrs. Ruby A. Blyth of Southern Pines, victim of the attack, is in Moore County Hospital recovering from injuries resulting from her attempts to fight off her assailant, a fight which also inflicted injuries on Currie.

Currie is said to have asked Mrs. Blyth for a dance at a dance hall on the outskirts of Southern Pines last Saturday night, and to have followed this up with an invitation to take her home. When they stepped into Currie's car the Indian joined them. Instead of driving in the direction of Mrs. Blyth's home in the Pinedene section, he headed west over the old Southern Pines-Pinehurst road. In a secluded spot along this road Currie is alleged to have forced the young woman from the car and to have led here into the woods, the Indian remaining in the car.

Passersby in another car grew suspicious when they came upon the scene at about this time and notified the police. When officers arrived they found the car with the Indian on guard and placed him under arrest. Blowing the horn, they attracted Currie's attention and he came out of the woods, according to the story, thinking Clench wanted him. While arresting Currie they heard screams from the woods and upon investigation found Mrs. Blyth. She was rushed to the hospital, Currie and Clench to the county jail in Carthage. On Sunday night, fearful of trouble there, officers took them to Raleigh for safekeeping.

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Emil Schram, Chairman of R F C, Visits Sandhills

Emil Schram, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, is a week-end guest at the Pine Needles. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Schram and a party, including Col. Charles F. H. Johnson, president of the Botany Worsted Mills of Passaic, N. J., who is considering the establishment of a unit of his company on a site between Southern Pines and Aberdeen.

FINAL POLO SUNDAY WITH FT. BRAGG VS. PINEHURST

The finals of the annual Pinehurst Spring polo tournament will be held Sunday afternoon on the championship field. Pinehurst, top team, composed of Earl Shaw, Merrill Fink, Stanley Taylor and B. R. Brown will play Fort Bragg's No. 1 four, Major Eugene Harrison, Capt. Ralph Cooper, Lieut. Milton Untermeyer and Lieut. Elmer Almquist.

Stepping up the interest in the match, Pinehurst and Fort Bragg played to an 8-8 tie two Sundays ago in a warm-up game which drew a near-record crowd. Sunday's match will be a play-off.

Major General Jacob L. Devers, commanding officer at Fort Bragg, will be in the umpire's box, with Col. George P. Hawes, Jr., on the referee mount.

FIRE WARNING

The work of the Southern Pines Fire Department is being hampered by the lines of cars which frequently gather around fires, and Chief L. V. O'Callaghan warns that traffic interference with the firemen will necessitate strict enforcement of the ordinance on the subject unless it is stopped. This carries a \$50.00 fine.

FARMERS UNITE TO LEND HAND IN DEFENSE SET-UP

Council Formed Here To Promote
Rounded Out Live-at-Home Program

NEED COWS, CHICKENS

The agricultural workers of Moore county met recently to organize the Moore County Agricultural Council, and officers for the council were elected as follows: Chairman, County Agent E. H. Garrison; Vice-Chairman, W. C. Eagles of Carthage; Secretary, Miss Eula Byrd of Cameron; Publicity Chairman, Miss Annie R. Wilson of Carthage, and Assistant, W. B. Hill of Carthage.

The purpose of such an organization is to forward and strengthen the production of food and feed in accordance with the national defense program. In doing this every farmer is urged to cooperate in the program and become self-supporting by following a live-at-home or home production program.

The necessity of the organization and the need for such has arisen from situations which exist in too many farm families around us. Vital statistics taken from the '39 census of North Carolina show that of 280,000 farm families 98,204 have no cows, 86,604 have no hogs, 33,154 have no chickens, and 45,158 produced no eggs in '39. Only one farmer out of every five planted wheat.

"With such situations existing how can we expect to build a nation of healthy bodies? Something must be done to alter and improve these conditions, and it is up to the farm people and agricultural minded people to do this; but there must be coordination and cooperation between all," said Mr. Garrison.

Ten Fires in Ten Days Department Record

Fighters Have Struggle Saving
Homes in Knollwood, House
in Jintown Burned

At 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday the wail of the siren calling out the members of the Southern Pines Fire Company marked the tenth consecutive call within a period of ten days, a condition unprecedented in the records of the company.

The ninth alarm sounded at 2:15 o'clock Sunday for grass fires starting on the north side of the Midland road opposite the dwellings of Mrs. J. B. Rountree and Ernest Morell. Swept onward by a brisk wind the fire flashed through the pines to the Southern Pines-Airport road in the vicinity of the pumping station, where several of the firemen had narrow escapes as the flames jumped this road.

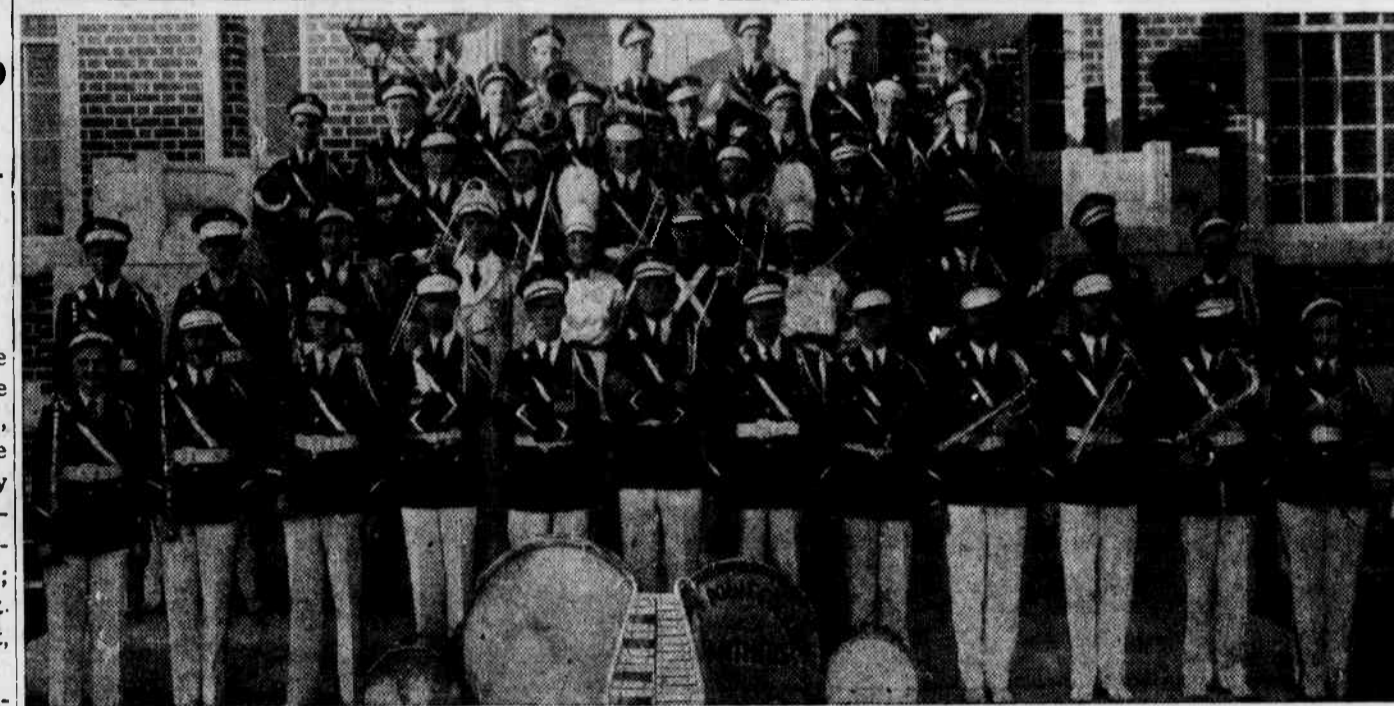
Shortly before four o'clock a shift of wind veered the fire towards the homes of Frank Maples and Mrs. J. R. Drexel on the Peedee road where firemen, volunteers and fire wardens working amid smoke and flames succeeded in saving these houses though the fire finally burned up to the Airport road. The fire that crossed the road near the pumping station burned up to the Pinehurst-Lakeview road opposite the airport, and a mile to the Eastward crossed that road and worked up to the Niagara-Thagard road where it was finally stopped by wardens and volunteers.

Men of the Southern Pines Company worked until 12:30 o'clock subduing the fire, which in many respects resembled the one of March 1st and 2nd, 1932, as it swept over much of the same territory.

At 9:00 o'clock last Saturday morning an alarm brought the company just in time to Notre Dame Academy where a brisk grass and brush fire sweeping up to the out-buildings was being fought by the Rev. Father Williams, the Rev. Father King and the Sisters of the school staff.

An alarm sounded at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night for a fire which destroyed the home, furniture and effects of Ida Fletcher and family. (Please turn to page five)

College Band, Glee Club To Give Concerts Here



High Point College Band, To Play Here Tonight.



Flora Macdonald College Glee Club, in Southern Pines Sunday.

GOVERNOR COMING FOR ADDRESS TO STATE FORESTERS

31st Annual Convention of Association To Be Held in Pinehurst May 2, 3

Governor J. M. Broughton will be the principal speaker at the 31st annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association to be held at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst on May 2d and 3d. This organization was founded in 1911 for the protection and fuller development of the state's forest, game, and other natural resources.

The two-day session is chock full of activity and interest for those attending, with a well rounded program and the annual banquet the night of the 2d. Richard S. Tufts of Pinehurst will welcome the visitors at 2:00 o'clock that afternoon, with Colin G. Spencer of Carthage responding. Clyde A. Edwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will take at 2:30 on "Forestry and Education in the North Carolina Public Schools." At 3:15 A. G. T. Moore of New Orleans, manager of the Conservation Department of the Southern Pines Association, will discuss "Forestry in the Lumber Industry", followed by a talk on "Forestry and Industry" and a sound motion picture, "A New World Through Chemistry," presented by I. F. Livingston of the DuPont de Nemours Company, Wilmington, Del.

Banquet Friday Night

At a business meeting at 5:00 o'clock officers will be elected, reports read and new committees named. The banquet is scheduled for 7:30 that evening, at which Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, will extend greetings, responded to by James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation and a former president of the American Forestry Association. Governor Broughton's address will follow, after which (Please turn to page right)

Band To Play in School Tonight, Glee Club in Church Sunday

Southern Pines will have the pleasure of hearing two outstanding college musical organizations of the state this week-end. The High Point Band plays here tonight, Friday, and on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church the Flora Macdonald College Glee Club of Red Springs will give an exceptionally fine program. The public is cordially invited. No admission will be charged but there will be an offering toward expenses.

The High Point College Band under the direction of Olin R. Blickensderfer will appear tonight, Friday in a concert at the Southern Pines School auditorium, sponsored by the Southern Pines School Band for whose benefit the program has been arranged. Included in the program will be: Overture to Egmont, Beethoven; Prelude and Fugue in B flat Minor, Bach; Moorish Dance from Aida, Verdi; Artists' Life Waltzes, Strauss, and on the lighter side "Annie Laurie a la Modern" arranged by Leonard. Also a number of marches by Sousa, Taylor and others.

The conductor, Olin R. Blickensderfer, is a musician of skill and wide experience in band work. He studied under H. S. Warren of Kryl's Band and Josef Oszuscik of the Chicago Symphony. At the Cincinnati Conservatory he came under the personal instruction of Joseph Elliott, principal clarinetist of the Chicago Symphony, and Dr. Frank Simon, America's outstanding bandmaster.

The band played for the school last year and the program was very much enjoyed by all who heard it. The local school band, which has been placed on a public school music basis for the first time this year and is making good progress in its work, is glad to sponsor a program by the High Point College organization again.

Admission will be: Adults 35c, students 20c, with reserved seats at 50c. Benefits from the gate receipts will go to the local school band. Tickets may be purchased from students or at the door.

CITIZENSHIP DUTY OF SERVICE CLUBS OUTLINED IN TALK

Prof. Furr of Winthrop Tells
Kiwanis They Have
Real Responsibility

There is an important function in the national defense program for service clubs, Prof. Ray A. Furr of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., told more than 100 members of seven Kiwanis clubs gathered here for a dinner meeting on Tuesday night at the Southern Pines Country Club. Prof. Furr is governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International and an able speaker.

He dwelt on "Citizenship Responsibility as the Price of Liberty," translated into cases, Mr. Furr said, "this responsibility means that if we want to destroy the menace that threatens us, we must leave nothing undone to bring this about. It means that if we want to outlaw strikes, whether the fault be that of labor or management, in defense industries, we are to see that this is done; if we want to make inoperative any legislation which while desirable during peacetime, but somewhat handicapping in the urgent need of the moment, we must have this done too. It means that our government, built to express our national wishes, effectively and immediately, must at this time yield itself as never before to the will of those who own it, and that we as a representative group of citizens in our community, as makers of public opinion, and as citizens who are willing to array this public opinion as an irresistible force, must, if never before and never again, go to bat with courage and virility for our way of life. We must let those who implement our wishes know what those wishes are."

Youth Morale

Prof. Furr called for greater effort in child education. "Let's make the minds and hearts of the boys and (Please turn to page five)

UTZ, MATTHEWS TO FIGHT IT OUT FOR MAYORALTY

Dante Montesanti Joins Race
For Member of Board of
Commissioners

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Attorney W. Duncan Matthews is definitely in the race for Mayor of Southern Pines, The Pilot ascertained this week, and there is little doubt but that this means a two-man race, for the friends of Mayor Dorsey G. Stutz, who has held the post since 1929, insist that he permit his name to go before the caucus. No third candidate has put in an appearance.

One more name was added during the week to the receptive candidates for the Board of Commissioners, that of Dante Montesanti, manager of the Montesanti dry cleaning establishment. "Monty" has long been active in civic affairs in town, is prominent in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and the newly organized Southern Pines Athletic Club, and will have spirited support for the board. The only other newcomer to politics on the list for commission nominations is Richard F. Tarlton, of Reinecke & Co., contractors, another of the active young men here; in fact, he goes along with Montesanti in the organizations listed above.

It is understood that efforts to draft R. S. DuRant as a board candidate have been unavailing. Mr. DuRant states he has enough to do in managing his extensive telephone properties in the two Carolinas. There has also been talk of Norris L. Hodgkins, president of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, for the board, but Mr. Hodgkins tells the same story as Mr. DuRant. He's busy enough.

The names of four of the five members of the present board will undoubtedly be placed in nomination: L. V. O'Callaghan, Charles S. Patch, E. C. Stevens and Hugh J. Betterley. Robert L. Hart, now on the board, is not a candidate, he has announced.

The registration books for the city election close tomorrow, Saturday at the Municipal Building and those eligible to vote should check up with the registrar, Mrs. Tilghman, to see that they are duly listed. You cannot vote in the caucus next Friday night, May 2d unless you are registered, nor at the election on May 6th. Registration for last fall's national election does not qualify you to vote in the city election. Your name must be on the city's book.

John W. Pickler Killed When Auto Overturns

Prominent Citizen of Pinebluff
Victim of Accident Near
State Sanatorium

John W. Pickler of Pinebluff, one of Moore county's best known citizens, was instantly killed in an automobile accident last Friday night between the State Sanatorium and Aberdeen. While passing another car the brakes on Mr. Pickler's car locked and he is said to have stuck his head out the window to see that he cleared the other machine. His car left the road and turned over. Roy Griffin of Pinebluff, on the front seat with him, and two colored men in the back seat escaped injury. They had been engaged on a contract in Whiteville and were returning to Pinebluff.

Mr. Pickler was 69 years of age, and had long been engaged in the masonry work in this section. He was highly esteemed and popular with all with whom he came in contact. Funeral services were held in the Pinebluff Baptist Church, burial with Masonic rites following in Bethesda Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Brinkley Pickler; three daughters, Mrs. O. C. Adcox, Mrs. Douglas David and Miss Gwendolyn Pickler, all of Pinebluff, and three sons, Ermon and Craig of Pinebluff and Reece Pickler of Edenton. Several brothers and sisters also survive.